

over the whole of a certain portion of Red River; read 3d time and passed.

A bill to provide for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the State of Texas, for the year 1851; read 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Brashear, the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock A. M., January 15, 1850.

The Senate was called to order by the President—Senators present: Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Mopett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Tritt, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace. Prayer by the Chaplain. The Journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Gage, chairman of the committee on county boundaries, to whom was referred a bill to create the County of Bell, reported the same back to the Senate without amendment and recommended its passage.

Mr. Ward, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported that the following bills were presented to the Governor for his approval on the 11th instant, viz:

A bill to apportion the Senators and Representatives of the Legislature among the several counties of this State, according to the requirements of the constitution, "and a joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of William Mockford."

Mr. Pease, from the judiciary committee, to which was referred a bill supplementary to an act to organize County Courts, passed March 16, 1848, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Parker made the following report:

Hon. JOHN A. GREER, *President of the Senate*,

C. G. KEENAN, *Speaker of the House of Representatives*:

The committee on the Penitentiary of the two houses of the Legislature acting jointly, to whom was referred the report of the joint select committee raised for the purpose of examining the Penitentiary, have given to the subject the deliberation that its importance required, and ask leave to submit the accompanying bill, which is drawn and intended to carry out the suggestions of the select committee in their report, and recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Legislature.

It will be necessary to make an appropriation of several thou-

sand dollars for the purpose of carrying on the institution and preventing the building from falling into ruins.

This can be placed on the general appropriation bill, they will not at this time suggest what amount may be necessary.

ISAAC PARKER,

Chairman on part of the Senate.

ELISHA E. LOTT,

Chairman on the part of the House.

A bill to amend an act to establish a Penitentiary, passed the 13th March, 1848. Read first time.

Mr. Pease made the following report:

The committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution directing them to take into consideration the propriety of passing a law exempting the vending of articles manufactured within this State from any tax for the sale thereof, and report by bill or otherwise, have considered the subject, and a majority of said committee are of opinion that no objection exists to the passage exempting the venders of all articles manufactured in this State, except spirituous liquors, from any direct or license tax for the sale thereof, have drawn up a bill for that purpose, which they herewith report and recommend to the favorable consideration of the Senate.

A bill to exempt the venders of certain articles manufactured in this State from the payment of any direct tax or license tax for the sale thereof. Read first time.

Mr. Pease, from the Judiciary committee, made the following report:

The committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the following acts, viz:

"An act establishing the ninth Judicial District."

"An act to define the time of holding the District Courts in the fifth Judicial District."

"An act to create the twelfth Judicial District."

Also the Petition of certain inhabitants of the fourth Judicial District, praying for the "establishment of an additional Judicial District."

Beg leave to report that inasmuch as a select committee of the Senate has been appointed to enquire into the propriety of a re-organization of the several Judicial Districts of the State, they believe these acts and the petition should be referred to that committee. They therefore return them to the Senate, with a recommendation that the rule of the Senate requiring reports to lie on the table one day shall be suspended, and that the acts and

petition above described be referred forthwith to said select committee.

On motion of Mr. Pease, the rule was suspended and report adopted.

Mr. Latimer, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to authorize Bayly English, Thomas Cowart, and their associates, to construct a turn-pike road from the town of Bonham in the county of Fannin, across the Bois d'Arc bottom to the high land on the east side of said stream, in the direction of the town of Paris in Lamar county,—reported that the committee are not in favor of the 2nd section of the bill which goes to establish by the Legislature, the tolls which are to be collected on said turnpike, but as the bill has passed the house, with the approbation of the Representative of Fannin county, we do not feel disposed to alter said section—the bill is therefore reported back to the Senate without amendments.

Mr. Pease, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following reports :

COMMITTEE ROOM, 14th January, 1850.

To the Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate :

The Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred a "Joint Resolution requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue certificates to persons who have located on a grant of eleven leagues made to John Cameron, agent of Jose Maria de la Garza, for the quantity of land they have been required to relinquish," have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee are of opinion, that inasmuch as the parties to whom such certificates are proposed to be issued voluntarily relinquish the lands of which they were possessed under titles from the Government, without being evicted by due course of law, they are not entitled to the relief which this resolution proposes. The said committee therefore return the resolution, and recommend that it be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE, *one of the Committee.*

Joint Resolution requiring the Commissioners of the General Land Office to issue certificates to persons who have located on a grant of eleven leagues made to John Cameron, agent of Jose Maria de la Garza, for the quantity of land they have been required to relinquish :

Whereas, sundry citizens of Montgomery county, some of whom settled as early as the year 1832 or 1833 in good faith on lands, that they then believed to be entirely vacant, as the coun-

try was at that time an unsettled wilderness ; who have defended the country, paid taxes, and performed all the duties required of them as good citizens ; and for their own comfort have built houses, opened farms and made sundry improvements thereon. Some of whom have obtained titles from the government of Coahuila and Texas, and others from the state of Texas, have recently been sued by one John Cameron, agent of Jose Maria de la Garza, on a grant for eleven leagues of land covering their homes and improvements, in the District Court of the United States for the District of Texas. Fearing they would be dispossessed of their homes, the grant being dated the 9th January, 1829, being unable to defend a suit at great expence prosecuted at a distance from their homes, they have been constrained to compromise with the said Cameron, by surrendering a portion of their lands.

Therefore resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, that the Commissioner of the General Land Office be authorised and required to issue certificates to all such persons as have been required to surrender their lands, or a portion thereof, on account of having located on the grant made to John Cameron, as agent of Jose Maria de la Garza, dated 9th January, 1829. Upon sufficient proof being made to the Commissioner of the quantity of land thus relinquished, which certificates may be located on any lands in the State unappropriated, and that this joint resolution take effect from and after its passage.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 14th January, 1850.

To the Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate :

The Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred a resolution directing them to enquire into the expediency of repealing the 17th section of an act, entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of Taxes, approved 20th March, 1848 ; and also into the propriety of amending said section, so that it shall be lawful for a person to pay all his taxes in the county in which he resides, have considered the subject embraced in said resolution— a majority of the Committee believe that said section ought to be amended in the manner indicated in the resolution, or that a new law should be enacted authorizing each person to have his property assessed and to pay his taxes in the county of his residence ; but, as the Committee are informed that this subject is now under consideration by the Finance Committee, to which it appropriately belongs, they return the resolution to the Senate and recommend that it be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE, *one of the Committee.*

The Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred a "Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas," have considered the same. The amendment proposes to authorize a sale of the school lands; there is much diversity of opinion among the members of the committee in relation to the propriety of such a sale, but inasmuch as a similar amendment has been rejected by the House of Representatives at the present session, the committee deem it inexpedient to occupy the time of the Senate further with the subject. They therefore recommend that the resolution be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE, *one of the Committee.*

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution to appoint a committee to take into consideration the erection of a fire-proof General Land Office, beg leave to report that they are informed that this subject is now under consideration by the committee on State Affairs, to whom it more appropriately belongs; they therefore, return the resolution and recommend that it be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE,

One of the Committee.

The committee on the Judiciary, have examined "a bill to be entitled an act requiring costs to be paid in cases of appeals to the Supreme court, and changes of venue," and have also considered the resolution requiring them to enquire into the propriety of requiring all costs to be paid before a change of venue shall be allowed, and they believe it would be inexpedient to act, either on the bill or resolution. The present laws allow the officers of the court to demand security for their costs, and also, give them an ample remedy to enforce their payment. The committee have, therefore, instructed me to report the bill and resolution, and recommend that they be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE,

One of the Committee.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an act for the relief of bona fide holders and claimants to land granted by the Governments of Spain, Mexico and Tamaulipas, in that portion of the State lying west of the Nueces river, &c., &c.; beg leave to report, that the bill heretofore reported to the Senate on the subject, by a joint Select committee of the two Houses, is better adapted to attain the end proposed than the present act, and that the passage of that bill will render further action on this unnecessary; a majority of the committee have therefore directed me to return the act, and recommend that it be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE,

One of the Committee.

The committee on the Judiciary, have had under consideration an act to amend the 6th section of an act regulating sequestrations, approved 15th March, 1848, and a majority of said committee are of opinion that the amendment proposed, is not such an one as it would be expedient to make; they have therefore, directed me to report the act, and recommend that it be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE,

One of the Committee.

The committee on the Judiciary, have considered a bill to amend an act regulating fees of office, approved March 20th, 1848; the amendment proposes to reduce the fees of County Surveyors from three dollars a mile to two dollars. The committee believe the present fees of Surveyors are low enough, and that a reduction of them would be inexpedient; they therefore, recommend that the bill be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE,

One of the Committee.

The committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an act defining the time when all laws hereafter enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas shall take effect; beg leave to report that a law has passed this session, providing that all laws shall take effect on the sixtieth day after the adjournment of the Legislature, unless otherwise specially directed, and they believe that any further action on the subject is unnecessary; they therefore, recommend that the act be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE,

One of the Committee.

The committee on the Judiciary, beg leave to return to the Senate the accompanying resolution, as they do not consider that it calls for any action of the committee, and recommend that it be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE,

One of the Committee.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution directing them to take into consideration the propriety of passing an act giving to the counties created since the adoption of the Constitution, or that may hereafter be created, land for the support of schools; beg leave to report that a bill having passed the Legislature, granting to the new counties four leagues of land for the support of common schools, renders it unnecessary for them to act on the resolution; they therefore, recommend that it be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE,

One of the Committee.

The committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution directing them to enquire into the propriety of passing a

law authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on lands surveyed on eleven league grants, or any part of an eleven league grant, believe it inexpedient for the Legislature to act on the subject, and have directed me to report the resolution and recommend that it be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE,

One of the Committee.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an act to prohibit slaves from carrying firearms in this State, without the written consent of their owners or employers; beg leave to report that they deem it unnecessary to act on the bill, inasmuch as this subject is fully provided for in the act supplementary to the act concerning crimes and punishments, which is now before the Senate; they therefore, recommend that this act be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE,

One of the Committee.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution directing them to examine into the propriety of passing a law to place the jury fund in the hands of the Sheriff's or District Clerk's; beg leave to report that any further action on this resolution is unnecessary, as the act for the payment of jurors, heretofore passed by the Senate, fully provides for the objects embraced in the resolution; they therefore, return it to the Senate, and recommend that it be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE,

One of the Committee.

The committee on the Judiciary, have considered a bill prescribing the time beyond which, no grand jury shall remain in session in any county, and believe it inexpedient to act on said bill; they therefore, return it to the Senate, and recommend that it be laid on the table.

E. M. PEASE.

One of the Committee.

Mr. Phillips made the following report, which was on motion of Mr. Phillips referred to the committee on Public Lands:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Jan. 14th, 1850.

HON. J. A. GREER,

President of the Senate.

The Joint committee appointed to examine the archives of Martin De Leon's Colony, now deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, and report on the propriety of their removal to the General Land Office; submit the following as the result of their investigations:

Your committee found the documents referred to, sealed up in

one large package, in this, when opened; they found as follows :

Package marked A.

Martin De Leon's petition for a colony contract, with decrees, laws, &c., relative thereto.

Package No. 1. Original title to four leagues of land, to the town of Guadalupe Victoria, and 59 titles to lots in the same.

No. 2. 30 titles on paper of the third seal, for land on the Guadalupe river, as follows :

Jose M. J. Caravajal,	1 league and 1 labor,
Jose Louis Caravajal,	1 " "
Mannuel Zapeda,	7 "
Tulgencio Bueno,	1 "
Sylvester De Leon,	1 "
Miguel Shermit,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
Philip Demit,	$1\frac{1}{4}$ "
Luciano Navarro,	1 "
Refugio Amador,	1 "
Jose Bartlet,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
John Dalley,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
John Chevrs,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
Miguel Ortis,	1 "
Edward Lynn,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
Felix DeLeon,	1 "
Jose Maria Escalera,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
Juan Escalera,	1 "
Jose M. Escalera,	1 "
John D. Wright,	1 "
Philip Demitt,	2 "
Patricia De LaGarza,	5 "
Mannuel Caravajal,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
Diego Garcia,	1 "
Polito Castillo,	1 "
Alejo Perez,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
Francisco Perez,	1 "
Estevan Gabban,	1 "
Agata Cisneros,	1 "
Jose M. Rios,	$1\frac{1}{4}$ "
Desiderio Garcia,	1 "

No. 3. Contains 29 titles, stamped with the third seal, for land on the La Vaca, as follows :

Patrick Ryan,	1 League
Francis Smith,	1 "
Wm. E. Somers,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
Archibald Smithers,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "

Henry Breker,	$\frac{1}{4}$	League,
Lavinia Daubar,	1	"
Andrew Zumalt,	$\frac{1}{4}$	"
Carlos Lasso,	1	"
Juan Capping,	$\frac{1}{4}$	"
Juan Fernandez,	1	"
Fernando Rodireges,	1	"
Jesse Wilson,	1	"
John Conney,	1	"
Henry C. G. Somers,	1	"
James Brown,	1	"
Pedro Galliaceo,	1	"
Narcisco Rodireges,	1	"
Leonardo Mausó,	1	"
James May,	$\frac{1}{4}$	"
Joseph Smith,	$\frac{1}{4}$	"
Joseph Ware,	$\frac{1}{4}$	"
John May,	1	"
James Ryan,	$\frac{1}{4}$	"
John Joseph,	$\frac{1}{4}$	"
Bernard Brown,	1	"
Ramon Musques,	$5\frac{1}{2}$	"
Valentine Garcia,	4	"
John McHenry,	1	"
John Douglas,	1	"

No. 4. Contains 22 titles, on paper, of the third seal, for land on Matagorda Bay, as follows :

Santiago Gonzales,	1	League.
Mannella Venitos,	1	"
Faustino Alvarado,	1	"
Miguel Cortez,	1	"
Clato Garcia,	1	"
Henrique Rendon,	1	"
Benito Morales,	1	"
Pearo Miranda,	1	"
Narcisco Cavasus,	1	"
Maximo Campos,	1	"
Miguel Castillo,	1	"
Juan Cano,	1	"
Pedro Gonza'es,	$1\frac{1}{4}$	"
Francisco De Leon,	$\frac{1}{2}$	"
Jose Felis Fuertes,	1	"
Enstacio Cantu,	1	"
Banlio Maldorado,	1	"

Pedro Garcia,	1 League.
Mannel Lopes,	1 "
Maximo Sanches,	1 "
Pasquel Vajardo,	1 "
Eusidio Hidalgo,	1 "

No. 5. Contains 7 titles, on paper, of the third seal, for land on the Sorillo Creek, as follows:

Valentine Garcia,	1 League and 9 Labors.
Alexandro Esparza,	1 "
Eugene Venebedes,	1 "
Isidro Venebedes,	1 "
Florentine Garcia,	1 "
Felix Sanches,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
Bonifacio Rodrigues,	1 "

No. 6. Contains 5 titles, on paper, of the third seals, for land on the Colecto, as follows:

Maria Jesus De Leon,	2 Leagues
Jose M. Fernandez,	1 "
Rosa Anna Teal,	1 "
Richard Teal,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
Mannel Zapeda,	18 Labors.

No. 7. Contains 5 titles, on paper, of the third seal for land on the Garcetas Creek, as follows:

Martin De Leon,	5 Leagues.
Valentine Garcia,	3 " 16 Labors.
Agapeta De Leon,	1 "
Nicholas Venebes,	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
Cassiano Sambrano,	1 "

No. 8. Contains 3 titles, on paper, of the third seal, for land on the Arenoso, as follows:

Raphel Solis,	1 League.
Estevan Sisneros,	1 "
Mannel Marques,	1 "

No. 9. Contains 19 original petitions, with the information of the Empresario.

No. 10. Contains 22 original petitions for lots in the town of Guadalupe Victoria.

The following titles contain no subscribing witnesses:

Mannel Zapeda,	7 Labors.
Philip Demitt,	$1\frac{1}{4}$ Leagues.
Philip Demitt,	2 "
Estevan Galvan,	1 "
Bonifacio Rodrigues,	1 "

The following titles are attested by one witness only :

Jose M. J. Caravajal,	1	League.
Jose Louis Caravajal,	1	"
Edward Lynn,	$\frac{1}{4}$	"
Jesse Wilson,	1	"
Henry C. G. Somers,	1	"
James Brown,	1	"
Joseph Ware,	$\frac{1}{4}$	"
John Joseph May,	$\frac{1}{4}$	"
Rosa Ann Teal,	1	"
Manuel Marques,	1	"

The titles are all signed by the Commissioner, Fernando De Leon, and the field notes by Jose M. J. Caravajal or James Kerr. Some of your committee are well acquainted with the signatures of these individuals, and believe them to be genuine.

Your committee also compared the head rights specified in the list, with those delineated on the map of Victoria county, now in the Land Office. This map, it is understood, was drawn from field notes furnished by James Kerr, former Surveyor of De Leon's Colony. The following names were not found on the map :

Casiano Sambrano, Richard Teal, Rosa Ann Teal, Archibald Smith, Lavinia Dunbar, Joseph Ware, and Mannella Venetes. The other names appear on the map as head-rights, and the quantities in each appears to correspond with the amount specified in the titles.

Your committee recommend that the documents examined be deposited in the General Land Office.

A. H. PHILLIPS,

Chairman on the part of the Senate.

GUY M. BRYAN,

Chairman on the part of the House.

Mr. Robertson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Senate, prohibiting the introduction of any new business after the 10th January, inst., be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Mr. Moffett, chairman of the committee on Engrossed bills ; reported resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Texas, on the subject of slavery, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Wallace made the following report :

To the President of the Senate.

The Joint committee on enrolled bills, have examined the following bills and resolutions which originated in the House of Representatives, to wit :

An act making additional appropriations of land for the purposes of education.

An act making an appropriation for the *pro rata* pay of Thomas P. Anderson, dec'd, Surgeon in the Navy of the late Republic of Texas.

An act to secure to all actual settlers within the limits of the colony granted to Peters and others, commonly known as Peters' Colony, the lands to which they are entitled as colonists.

Joint resolution instructing our Representatives in Congress to use their efforts to obtain an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation on our south western coast.

An act to restore lands sold for taxes and purchased by the State, to the former owners.

An act for the relief of Washington H. Secrest.

Joint resolution to procure the passage of a law by the Congress of the United States, granting pensions to certain persons who suffered in the Texas revolution, or to their indigent widows and children.

An act to authorize the Governor to employ counsel to represent the State, in certain cases.

All of which, the committee report correctly enrolled.

B. RUSH WALLACE,

Chairman on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Wallace, also, made the following report:

The following bills having been signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate, were presented to the Governor of the State, on the 14th inst., to wit: the

Bill to be entitled an act to amend an act, regulating attachments, approved March 11th, 1848; the

Bill to be entitled an act incorporating the town of Castroville; and the

Joint resolutions to amend the Constitution.

B. RUSH WALLACE,

Chairman on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Brashear, a bill to permit the county of Fayette to levy and collect a special tax; was taken up and placed among the orders of the day.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following Bills, originating in the Senate:

A bill to provide for the collection of the uncollected taxes assessed for and due the late Republic of Texas.

A bill to be entitled an act, supplementary to "an act to in-

corporate the Western Texas Orphan Asylum." Approved March 16, 1848.

An act supplementary to "an act defining the office and duties of Constables." Approved 12th May, A. D. 1846.

A bill for the relief of the heirs or legal representatives of William H. Malone, deceased.

A bill supplementary to an act regulating Appeals to the Supreme Courts in Criminal Cases. Approved 13th May, A. D. 1846.

A bill to incorporate the Grand and Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance.

Also the following bills and joint resolutions which originated in the House.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. Balluill.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend "an act to incorporate the city of Nacogdoches." Approved March 16, 1848.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George Washington Sheek.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Uzziel Baggett.

A bill to be entitled an act legalizing and confirming the marriage of William Pearson and Elizabeth Ogle.

A bill to be entitled an act to locate permanently the Seat of Justice of Cooke county.

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the jurisdiction of the County of Medina for certain purposes.

A bill to be entitled an act authorising the Galveston City Company to change the plan of a certain block of lots in the city of Galveston, and authorising the city and county authorities to use one of the public squares of said city for city and county buildings."

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of E. H. Grisham.

A bill to be entitled an act, supplementary to an act entitled "an act to organize the County of Upshur." Approved January 26, 1848.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of John W. Baker.

A bill to be entitled an act to remove the Land Office of the Milam Land Districts from Burleson county to Cameron in Milam county.

Joint resolution for the relief of Samuel C. Douglass.

Joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of William Arnold, deceased.

Joint resolution for the relief of Berry W. Perkins.

Joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of Robert Earl, deceased.

Joint resolution making an appropriation for the purchase of books for the use of the Supreme Court.

Joint resolution for the relief of James S. Patterson.

Joint resolution making provision for surveying a certain quantity of University land.

Joint resolution for the relief of John Hobson, and a bill authorizing the Comptroller to issue duplicates of certain certificates.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to authorize the County Court of Harrison County to have record book B. of bonds, deeds, mortgages and other instruments of writing now in the County Clerk's Office of said County transcribed. Read third time and passed.

A bill to secure to the German Emigration Company and their Colonists, the lands to which they are entitled, and to adjust the liabilities of said Company. Read.

On motion of Mr. Moffett, the vote which rejected the amendment to 2nd section, "striking out be elected by joint vote of both Houses of the Legislature," and inserting "be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate," was reconsidered and amendment adopted.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend the 2nd section by striking out "ten certificates for a section each to ten sections," and inserting "ten certificates for one section of land each of 640 acres"—and by striking out "ten certificates for a half section each, to ten half sections," and inserting "ten certificates for one half section of land each of 320 acres." Adopted.

The bill was then passed to a third reading.

A bill to establish permanently the Seat of Justice of Leon County. Read third time.

Mr. Pease moved to amend by striking out "permanently"—rejected and bill passed.

A bill for the relief of Mary Henderson. Read third time and passed.

A bill to change the name of William Lipe Walradt, to William Waldradt Dunlap. Read third time and passed.

Joint resolution relative to the removal of obstructions to the navigation of Red River. Read, and on motion of Mr. Wallace, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill for the relief of persons therein mentioned, together with the report of the Committee on Finance offering an amendment thereto, was read and report adopted.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendments:

Sec. 1. Strike out from "of" in the 3rd line to "under" in the 5th line, and insert the "several sheriffs."

Sec. 2. Strike out from "said" in 3d line to "of" in same line, and insert "Sheriffs or any." Amend the caption, so as to read.

A bill for the relief of the several Sheriffs under the late Republic.—Adopted. The bill then passed to a third reading.

Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Texas, on the subject of slavery. Read a third time.

Mr. Parker moved to amend the 1st Resolution, so as to read, "Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas."—Adopted.

Mr. Latimer offered the following additional resolution :

"Resolved, that the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Governors of each of the States of the Union, and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress"—adopted, and resolutions passed by the following vote :

Yeas:—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Walker and Wallace—20. Nays—none.

Mr. Kinney made the following report :

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred a bill temporarily to settle Hosea Maria, chief of the An-a-dar-ko and Ionies, Indians, his associates in the County of Milam or Navarro, have had the same under consideration; and having duly investigated the facts and circumstances attendant upon and connected with the said Hosea Maria and his associate band, the Ionies, together with their apparent disposition to cultivate peace and amity with the citizens of our State, a majority of said Committee have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate and recommend its passage. Mr. Parker dissenting.

A bill to quiet land titles west of the River Nueces. Read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Van Derlip, the 9th section was amended by inserting after the word "reports" the following: "made previous to the session of the next Legislature."

Mr. Latimer moved to amend the first section by striking out "three" before "commissioners," and inserting "one." Rejected.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend the 9th section by inserting after "reports," the words "accompanied by the muniments of title." Adopted.

Mr. Davis moved to amend the first section by inserting after "commissioners," the words "two of whom may act." Adopted.

Mr. Robertson offered the following additional section :

"Sec. 15. That in case of vacancy in the office of either of the commissioners provided for this act, by death, resignation or

otherwise, the Governor shall be authorized to fill such vacancy." Adopted. Bill then passed.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

Senate met—quorum present.

A bill to incorporate the Brazos, San Bernard and Oyster Creek Canal and Navigation Company, together with the report of the Committee on Internal Improvements offering amendments thereto, was read. Amendments adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Cooke, chairman of the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred a joint resolution for the relief of Sam G. Norvell, reported a substitute for the same, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the Senate.

Mr. Brashear introduced a bill to amend an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, passed 12th May, 1846.—Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, a bill donating to John Neill and James O. Rice, one league of land each, for being permanently disabled in the service of the Republic of Texas; one league of land to the legal heirs of Hays Covington, who was killed in the service of the same, was taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to authorize Bartlett Sims to raise a location therein named, and to locate the same on any vacant land, together with the report of the Committee on Public Lands offering an amendment, was read. Amendment adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Arthur Eldridge. Read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to authorize Sheriffs to charge mileage for executing process. Read, and on motion of Mr. Latimer, laid on the table.

A bill to extend and define the eastern boundary of Caldwell County, together with the report of the Committee on County Boundaries offering an amendment thereto, was read. Amendment adopted, and bill passed to a third reading.

Joint resolution authorizing R. S. Neighbors, the commissioner appointed to organize the Counties of Persidio, El Paso, Worth and San'a Fé, to draw his salary in advance. Read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents in certain cases. Read a second time, and on

motion of Mr. Robertson, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Joint resolution for the removal of Indians beyond the limits of the State of Texas. Read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill amendatory of an act entitled an act to establish the method of trying the right of property levied on under writs of execution, sequestration and attachment, when the same is claimed by a person not a party to such writ. Read second time, and on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill for the relief of George C. Arnest.—Read second time, and on motion of Mr. Van Derlip, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Duncan McIntyre, deceased. Read second time, and passed to a third reading.

A bill to establish the Rio Grande Railway and Turnpike Company. Read second time, and on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to provide for distributing the reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court of this State. Read second time, and on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Joint resolution granting Harriet, a free woman of color, the privilege of remaining in the State of Texas. Read second time, and on motion of Mr. Robertson, laid on the table until the 4th of July next.

Joint resolution prescribing the mode of transferring the consolidated stock fund of the late Republic of Texas. Read 2nd time, and on motion of Mr. Robertson, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Joint resolution for the relief of Elizabeth Hart. Read second time, and on motion of Mr. Robertson, referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A bill for the relief of William C. Sparks, assignee of Samuel W. Willis. Read second time, and on motion of Mr. Brashear, referred to the Committee on Public Land.

A bill for the relief of John Jackson, of Dallas County. Read third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Daniel Fuller. Read second time. Mr. Parker moved to lay the bill on the table, upon which the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Gage, Grimes, Moffet, Parker, Pease, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip and Ward—11.

Nays—Messrs. Hart, Latimer, Phillips and Wallace—4. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the vote ordering the engrossment of a bill for the relief of the heirs of Arthur Eldridge, was reconsidered, and on motion of Mr. Wallace, laid on the table.

A bill to change the name of Richmond Hill to David Randon. Read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of James R. Pace. Read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Joint resolution relative to Indian depredations committed within the State of Texas. Read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill supplementary to an act entitled an act supplementary to an act to create the County of Smith. Approved February 26, 1848. Read and passed to a third reading.

A bill to authorize the surveyor of Smith County to record certain field notes therein mentioned. Read and passed to a third reading.

A bill to amend an act to create the County of Webb. Approved January 28, 1848. Read and passed to a third reading.

A bill to repeal an act authorizing the appointment of a Fiscal Agent, and for the better security of the revenue. Approved the 20th March, 1848. Read and passed to a third reading.

A bill to provide for the erection of public buildings at the Seat of Government to be located by a vote of the people in 1850. — Read, and on motion of Mr. Wallace, referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for the relief of Charles T. Stanley. Read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of those who fell with Fannin, Ward, Travis, Grant and Johnson—together with the report of Committee on Private Land Claims offering an amendment thereto, was read. Amendment withdrawn, and bill passed to a third reading.

A bill for the relief of Frederick Scranton, together with the report of the Committee on Private Land Claims offering a substitute therefor, was read. Substitute adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Portis, the Senate adjourned.